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Meeting Minutes for: 8/1/2019

at Greenfield Public Library Harold LeVanway Meeting Room

Meeting began at: 5:00 p.m. Members present: John Passiglia, Terry Ruggles, Tim

Blagg (Note: there was not a quorum)

Passiglia, John (2021) Miller, Peter (2022)

Ruggles, Arthur III (2020) Cook, Benton (2020) Blagg, Tim (2020)

Cloutier, Douglas (2022) Doug Mayo (2021) Bob Moorhead (2022)

Guests present: None

Old Business:

There was considerable discussion on the future strategy for the Wiley-Russell Dam project. It was suggested that, rather than concentrate simply on the historical importance of this symbol of Greenfield's industrial past, that the dam work be described as a continuation of the conclusions of the Green River Charrette, as well as the Master Plan, in converting the present Arbors parking area near the dam into a pocket park with picnic areas, benches and descriptive signage about the site's long history. Reacquiring the park from the Arbors would be a key part of the new plan, which would then be described and advocated to key town leaders. The cost of such a project would be modest, and since the vast proportion of the dam work would be funded by federal money, the total cost to the town could be minimal.

Respectfully submitted: Tim Blagg, Secretary